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APPLICANT: NATAN ET AL.

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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.